

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-29 are currently pending. Claims 1-29 have been amended. The element numbers have been removed from all claims in accordance with U.S. patent practice.

Specifically, Claims 2-22 and 24-29 have been amended to replace the phrase "**characterized in that**" with "wherein" to provide proper antecedent basis for terms recited therein and thereby conform to U.S. patent practice. Claims 3-9, 12, and 23 have been amended to depend solely on Claim 1; Claims 14-19 and 21-22 have been amended to depend solely on Claim 12; Claim 25 has been amended to depend solely on Claim 23; and Claims 27-29 have been amended to depend solely on Claim 25, thereby eliminating any multiple dependencies and more clearly defining the applicants' invention.

The Specification has been amended to include the claim to priority. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter is introduced by any of these claim and specification amendments, and request entry thereof prior to examination on the merits.

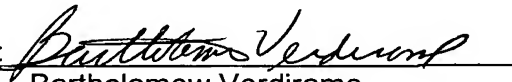
AUTHORIZATION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for consideration of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 4791-4019. A DUPLICATE OF THIS DOCUMENT IS ATTACHED.

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